# **Philosophy**

aving both a full-time job and a full-time personal life can be tough sometimes, and balancing the demands of each can be a real challenge. That's why we created our EAP or Employee Assistance Program.

Our goal is to help you and your family cope with problems that affect your well-being, whether they stem from work or from home. The idea is to improve your quality of life, by creating a better work and life balance.

# COPE

workplace assistance program employee assistance program

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# Comments from some who have used COPE services

"The counselor was easy to talk to. It helped me see my situation more clearly so that I could decide what to do."

"COPE helped me improve my relationship with my supervisor and that probably saved my job."

"The 24 hour access line to COPE is a great help. It was a relief to talk to a real person when I called to make an appointment."

"I recommend COPE to other employees. I feel very enthusiastic about just exploring my options with a professional."

"The counselor was very caring about what was going on in my life and I thank her for that. Keep up the good work."

"This counselor was my coach. I figured out my goals and went for it."

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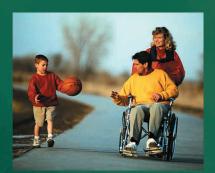
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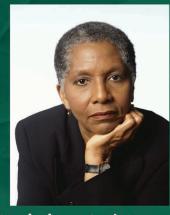
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# work & life

employee assistance







Workplace Assistance Provided by

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## The EAP can help you with:



#### relationship problems

— at home marital/couples children & adolescents





family life transitions

separation & divorce illness & loss school problems work/family balance child & elder care needs



health & mental outlook

depression & anxiety grief & loss alcohol & drug abuse life stresses



consultation & referrals

financial & legal consultations low-cost resources which supplement insurance benefits government agency services on-site crisis intervention

# A place to turn for help

Available when you have a personal problem of any kind, COPE offers confidential problem assessment by one of our professional counselors. These consultations are one-on-one, face-to-face meetings, which may be held either at your workplace or at COPE's offices, and scheduled at your convenience. Urgent situations are scheduled as soon as possible.

The counselor's goal is to help you with practical, short-term problem solving, and to offer referral services when a longer-term solution is needed. As experienced, licensed, and credentialed mental health workers, our counselors know how to listen, and how to offer guidance objectively.

The consultations are free of charge for you, as well as for your spouse/significant other and dependent children 18 years of age and older. In the case of younger children, our counselors will be happy to meet with you and your spouse, offer guidance, and make an appropriate referral.

### **How to reach COPE**

Just call us. Our regular hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Our lines are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Any time you phone, your call will be answered by a person - never an answering machine. Please leave a time and number where you can be reached. You can remain anonymous, if you wish, but this will limit what the counselor is able to do for you.

If your need is urgent, you must say so when you call. Leave more than one contact number if you cannot stay by the phone. If the situation is life-threatening, call 911 for immediate help. When medical intervention is necessary, get to an emergency room as soon as possible. Our job will be to provide follow-up assistance as appropriate.



### Why people use COPE

Our counselors help people with everyday problems in living. Among these are emotional, marital or family problems, other relationship stressors, depression, anxiety, alcohol or drug misuse, workplace difficulties and legal, financial and dependent care issues. We will coordinate referrals with your health insurance coverage.

## **Confidentiality**

All of COPE's EAP services are subject to professional rules and regulations which enforce confidentiality. The legal limits of these will be explained by your counselor. In general, discussions between you and the counselor are and remain your private business.

If you are referred to COPE by your employer, your counselor may ask you for permission to speak with your supervisor about work-related issues. The nature of any personal problems will not be discussed without your specific permission.



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